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Byron Smith, left, and Philippe Girard help prepare Canada's firework display yesterday on the HSBC Celebration of Light barge in English Bay. Canada kicks off the two-week festival at 10 p.m. tonight.

Godzilla set to attack Celebration of Light

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Atomic super-monster Godzilla will rise from the slate-grey waters of English Bay and light up the sky with fire tonight with the kick-off of Vancouver's signature summer festival, the HSBC Celebration of Light.

The two-week fireworks festival begins at 10 p.m. with last year's winner Canada seeking to defend its title with a 25-minute Godzilla-inspired show, complete with songs from the original Japanese movies.

"The title of the show is Attack," said Kelly Guille, owner of Archangel Fireworks and co-designer of Canada's effort.

"It's the rise of Godzilla from the sea. The fall of the army and the regrouping."

About 350,000 people, watching from boats or from beaches, parks and apartments are expected to watch tonight's show.

Maude Furtado, co-producer of the fireworks display, ballparked the cost of a single display at around $200,000.

In all, 1.4-million people are expected to watch Canada, USA (July 26) and China (July 30) as they vie for the festival's best show and people's choice. Spectators can vote on the latter with their cellphones.

The Grande Finale, featuring all three countries, runs Aug. 2 and will be preceded by an eight-minute fireworks display celebrating B.C.'s 150 anniversary.

Road closures for the event begin in Kitsilano at 6 p.m. and West End 7:30 p.m.

Vancouver police will be patrolling the water and shore with crowd-control, mounted, bike and marine units.

"We'll have lots of officers on foot patrol, highly visible in reflective vests," said Const. Jana McGuinness. "There'll be no confusion as to who we are."

As well, police from Vancouver and neighbouring municipalities will be conducting a boat checks at various boat launches across the region to ensure that the vessels are equipped with the proper safety equipment.

cycling options

- Better Environmentally Sound Transportation is hosting a bicycle valet for firework spectators at the tennis courts at Kits Beach and the tennis court near the Lost Lagoon Nature House in Stanley Park.

Man fishes for booze, but cops make the catch

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

LIQUOR BARN A man was arrested after a brilliant but ultimately unsuccessful attempt to fish for booze, police said yesterday.

A security guard at a Liquor Barn in Abbotsford called police at around 4 a.m. Monday after he spotted a stick poking out from the ceiling tiles.

It turns out a man had climbed through a hole in the roof to reach the false ceiling of the store, then attempted to snag liquor using a stick with a piece of wire attached.

The man was climbing down from the roof with a catch of four bottles — and his stick — when police arrived and apprehended him.

Police bite back over coverage of dog death

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

MEDIA Police are responding to the widespread coverage regarding the dog they shot and killed Sunday.

According to RCMP Sgt. Roger Morrow, police were responding to a dropped 9-1-1 call that came from the basement suite of the house in the 8000-block of 132A Street in Surrey when they encountered the pit bull.

"They go through the back gate, there's no sign about a dog and this dog comes around the corner and leaps at one of our officers," he said. "What would your reaction be? We're trained to defend ourselves."

Morrow also said that he was told that the dog had attacked at least two other people in the neighbourhood — a charge that owner Rajan Basra denied — and that in between the shooting and the media's arrival, a "beware of dog" sign went up in the window.

"I don't mind when the media holds us to account for when we're doing something wrong, but I also expect equitable reporting," he said.

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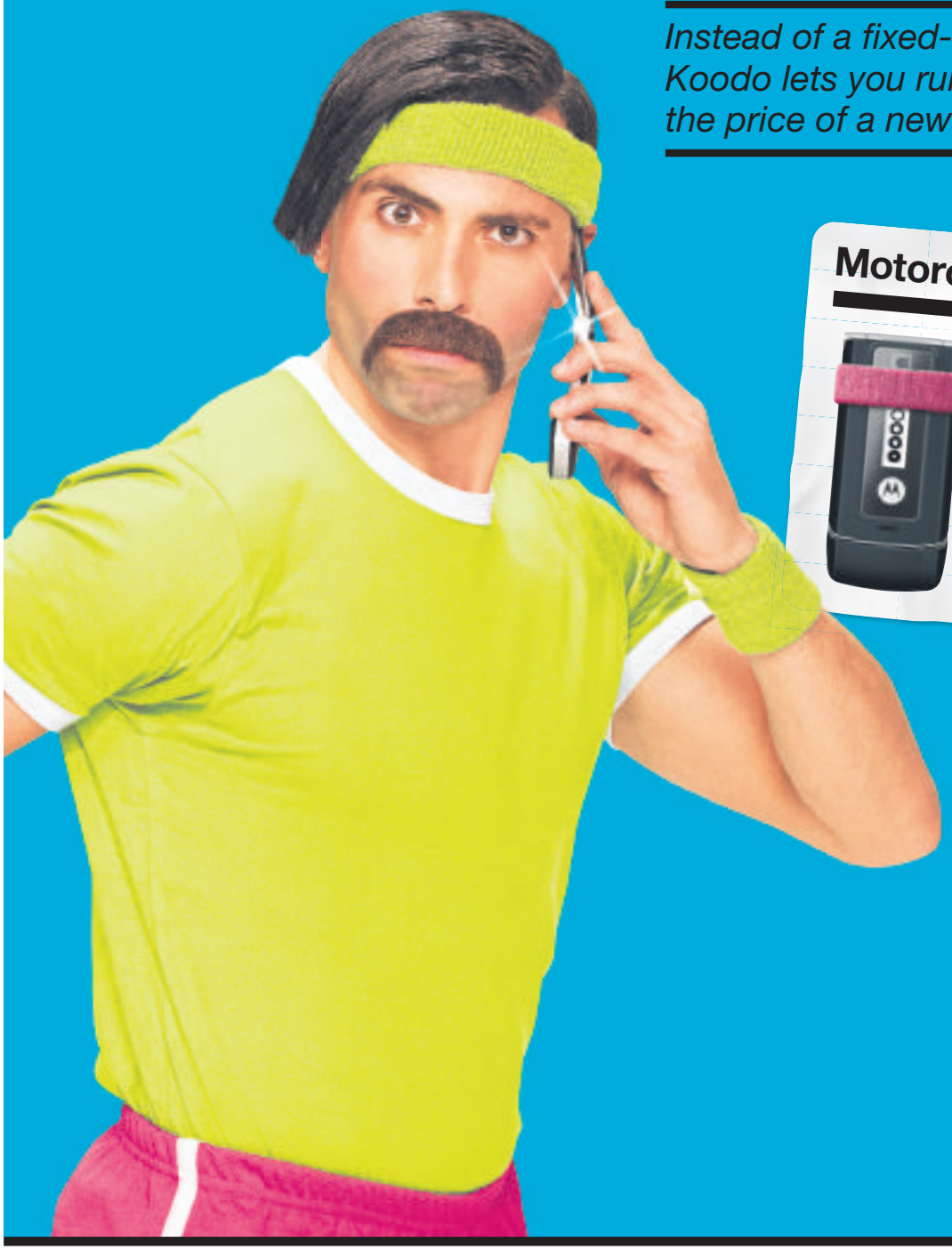

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Van stays sunny for 300 hours
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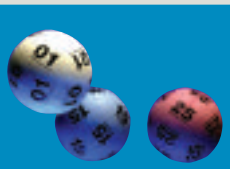

B.C. Lottery eyes card system

The B.C. Lottery Corporation is considering adopting a player card system to prevent lottery retailer fraud. The card would record players' ticket purchases and allow the winnings to be deposited directly into players' bank accounts. CBC.CA/BC

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News in brief

SEAWALL Final repairs to the Stanley Park Seawall began yesterday, news1130.com reports. The restorations, which are a result of a storm in December 2006, will start at Second Beach and continue onto the Lions' Gate Bridge. The repairs are expected to be finished by mid-November.

HELLS ANGELS Brian Lee Hall, a member of the Mission Hells Angels, was set to appear in a Vancouver court yesterday after he was arrested Friday at motorcycle drag races in Fort St. John. Hall faces extradition and has been indicted on drug and money-laundering charges in the U.S. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Tipped crane snarls traffic

Highway reduced to single-lane both ways in rush hour

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Vancouver

A crane toppled over a major highway in Surrey yesterday, snarling traffic and flaring tempers just in time for rush hour.

The mobile crane tipped over the eastbound lane of the Trans-Canada Highway between 152nd and 160th streets near the Port Mann Bridge at about 7:30 a.m.

Police reduced traffic flow to one lane in each direction while they waited for equipment to arrive to remove the crane.

Westbound traffic was particularly brutal, with cars backed up into the horizon.

WorkSafeBC dispatched two officers and an engineer to the scene, although a full investigation could take anywhere from weeks to months, according to spokeswoman Donna Freeman.

Equipment arrived by 10 a.m. though traffic was slow throughout the afternoon.

ALISON LINDEN/METRO VANCOUVER

A crane topples over onto the Trans-Canada Highway near the Port Mann Bridge early yesterday morning disrupting traffic for hours.

Safe landing

- No one was injured in the incident.

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Shooting victim dies of injuries

ABBOTSFORD A man found in an Abbotsford gas station with several bullet wounds died yesterday morning.

Police were called to a Shell station near Mount Lehman and Old Yale roads where they found the body of a 25-year-old man in a white SUV. He was known to police.

"The officers found the victim in a SUV suffering from apparent gunshot wounds ... paramedics did attend, but the man died at the scene," Const. Casey Vinet said. "Whether this shooting is connected to gang activity or other shootings from the Lower Mainland is still yet to be determined."

Police believe that the targeted victim was shot elsewhere before he was driven into the gas station by two other men, who were taken in for questioning.

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Quebec motorists ticketed for talking and driving

Hundreds of Quebec motorists have been ticketed since the province brought in a new law banning the use of hand-held cellphones while driving. Since Canada Day, 34 motorists have been nabbed using cellphones while driving in Gatineau alone. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

Winnipeg man Tasered, dies

A man is dead after being shot with a Taser stun gun by police in Winnipeg early yesterday afternoon. Police have released few details about the incident. They received a 9-1-1 call around 4 p.m. CT and when officers arrived at the location, there was some type of confrontation that resulted in one man being stunned with a Taser, police said. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Khawaja 'no terrorist'

Former fiancée testifies at landmark Canadian trial

The former fiancée of accused terrorist Momin Khawaja says he may have longed to fight in Afghanistan and that he praised the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attack on the U.S., but she never considered him an extremist or a terrorist.

"Just because he supports these things in theory is not actually proof of his involvement as such," Zeba Khan told Ontario Superior Court yesterday in a video link-up from Dubai.

Khan told RCMP investigators during a lengthy interview at the Canadian consulate in Dubai on Sept. 19, 2005, that her sister once described Khawaja as a "blowhard" who liked to hear "the sound of his own voice."

Khan told Khawaja's landmark terror trial she saw him as just another angry young Muslim man she hoped to change once they got married, a marriage that didn't happen because Khawaja decided he was a jihadist first and foremost.

"I thought I would marry him and change him."
Zeba Khan

"I thought I would marry him and change him," said Khan, 28.

Khan said she hoped to rechannel Khawaja's energies away from obsessing about getting even with the West and into something positive, such as humanitarian work.

Khan told the court that Khawaja's behaviour "did not in any way line up to terrorist activity."

Khawaja, 29, born and raised in Orleans near Ottawa, faces seven terrorism charges, including funding a terrorist group and building an electronic device the Crown alleges was to be used to detonate a 600-kilogram fertilizer bomb.

He was the first person charged in Canada under the Anti-Terrorism Act, passed by Parliament in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks in the United States.

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Businesses push for faster crossings

BORDER A group of Canadian and American government and business leaders issued a border charter yesterday calling for both governments to speed up cross-border travel in time for the Vancouver 2010 Olympics.

The Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) said that the implementation of frequent-traveller programs and use of new identification technologies would help the Games leave a positive legacy.

John Van Dongen, B.C.'s minister of safety, said about 5,000 additional people and 2,500 cars will cross the border each day during the Games.

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Survey targets bottled water

VANCOUVER Survey teams from Metro Vancouver regional district will be on the streets today asking people's opinions about drinking tap water versus bottled water.

The regional district hopes to reduce the use of bottled water in the region 20 per cent by 2010.

Yesterday, Vision Vancouver Coun. Tim Stevenson, who also chairs Metro Vancouver's water committee, brought forth a motion to ban the sale of plastic water bottles at City Hall and other city-owned buildings.

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Calgary solar car finishes sixth

NEIL MACKINNON
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"It didn't quite react to the heat as well as we would have liked, but it all worked out in the end."
Schulich 1 driver Tiffany Veltman

A coin toss put Tiffany Veltman in the driver's seat as Schulich 1 blasted down the backstretch, passing hundreds of boisterous, flag-waving Calgary fans.

Veltman, 19, said the driver's seat of the University of Calgary's solar car, which placed sixth out of 15 teams in the North American Solar Challenge that covered almost 4,000 kilometres from Texas to Calgary over 10 days, was more comfortable than it looked and while she enjoyed herself, she said it felt good to be home.

"It didn't quite react to the heat as well as we would have liked, but it all worked out in the end," she said. "You really need to test stuff before you go places ... We had some problems."

Heat caused foam to bubble and electronics failed at least once under the sweltering sun required to power the vehicle.

The University of Michigan won the race.

Vancouver **Olympic pantomime**

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

Artist-performers take part in a slow-motion Olympic sports pantomime along Burrard Street yesterday to announce Hain Celestial Canada as an official supplier of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Soldier **Sombre homecoming**

MIKE CASSESE/REUTERS

The body of the latest Canadian soldier to die in Afghanistan arrived back on Canadian soil yesterday. Cpl. James Arnal was killed Friday by a roadside bomb while on foot patrol.

Canada may emulate U.S. mandatory sentences

Inside Ryan Correctional Facility, on Detroit's east side, Donald Larson is serving a life sentence for brokering a cocaine deal set up by a police informant.

It was Larson's first offence. Sixteen years ago when he was sentenced, Michigan's mandatory minimum sentences for drug offences were viewed as the harshest in the nation.

Today, Michigan is lockup central. Its bloated prison population costs taxpayers $2 billion US per year, more than the state spends on higher education.

Billions

• In 2007, states spent more than $49 billion on corrections, up from $11 billion 20 years earlier.

Today, many states are reversing tough-on-crime policies that have put one in 100 adults in America behind bars — the Land of the Free has a higher level of imprisonment than China or Russia.

This is happening at a time when Canadian politicians are enacting legislation mandating more mandatory sentences.

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News in brief

NOVA SCOTIA Tropical storm Cristobal hit Nova Scotia hard then moved out to sea yesterday. The southwestern part of Nova Scotia received 160 millimetres of rain. But generally the province was soaked with between 50 to 100 millimetres of rain.

HEALTH Diabetes experts and advocates were "dancing for joy" yesterday after the announcement of a three-quarters of a billion dollar strategy they say will improve the lives of some 900,000 Ontarians living with the disease. The four-year, $741-million plan will provide free insulin pumps for adults with type 1 diabetes, fund surgery for the morbidly obese and create an electronic diabetes registry to help patients manage their disease. METRO NEWS SERVICES

U.K. looks to stop binge drinking

Britain's drinks industry may face tough new laws to deal with the country's binge-drinking culture, which costs the state health system an estimated 2.7 billion pounds each year, the government warned yesterday. REUTERS

World/Business

'Kind man' fooled many

How Radovan Karadzic evaded capture for so long

Radovan Karadzic, one of the world's most wanted men, lived for years in a Belgrade suburb posing as a doctor of alternative medicine, hiding his famous face behind long hair, a bushy beard and thick glasses.

Pictures given to Reuters by people who knew him as his alter ego show his face, ruddy in his heyday as the leader of Bosnian Serb forces, now sunken and shallow. His eyes are dull behind old-fashioned, tinted frames.

The slightly curved nose is the only obvious similarity. The trademark salt-and-pepper mane, perfectly coiffed throughout the 1992-95 war, had turned from sleek to frizzy. He wore it in a plaited topknot, pure white mixed with flashes of black.

In another picture, he looks tired and bespectacled, not the robust politician charged with orchestrating the murder of 8,000 people in Srebrenica and being responsible for the death of 11,000 in the 43-month siege of Sarajevo.

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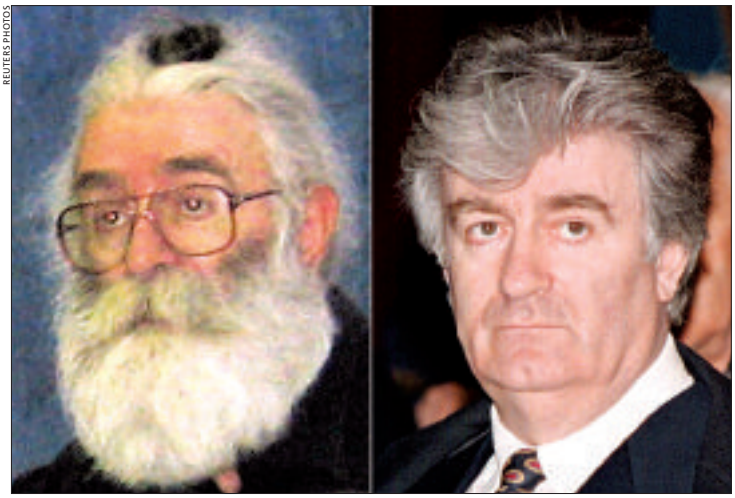

A combination photo shows Bosnian Serb wartime leader and war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic, left, in a recent file photo and at a parliamentary session in February 1995.

Karadzic lived quietly in New Belgrade, a sprawling suburb of massive, tower blocks that can house dozens of flats. Officials say he used the name Dr. Dragan David Dabic and made a living as a practitioner of alternative medicine.

Last October, he showed up at a wellness convention organized by Healthy Life magazine and introduced himself to the editor as a neuro-psychiatrist who wanted to contribute articles.

That part of his new identity was closest to his old self: Karadzic had studied in Sarajevo and qualified as a psychiatrist specializing in neurosis and depression.

"He was a kind man, with good manners, quiet and witty," said Goran Kojic, the magazine's editor.

"He said he was a psychiatrist who does energy therapies." REUTERS

Business

Ottawa eyes another wireless auction

The federal government plans to sell off more wireless spectrum in the next year and a half, following a heated auction of airwaves that raised $4.25 billion and could reshape the mobile phone market.

"There is what I refer to as the 700-series bandwidth," Industry Minister Jim Prentice told reporters. "There is an auction of that which will happen at some point in the future ... it's about 18 months away."

Such an auction could further shake up Canada's wireless landscape by opening up more spectrum to firms other than the big three — BCE, Telus and Rogers Communications, who currently rule the market.

The auction that ended Monday was a sale of spectrum in the two-gigahertz range. REUTERS

700 megahertz

The 700-megahertz airwaves are considered valuable because they can cover long distances and more easily penetrate obstacles such as thick walls and buildings.

Users drive new Xbox games

STRATEGY Microsoft Corp. will turn to users of its Xbox 360 to create new video games and broaden the types of games available, taking a page out of the strategy books of Facebook and YouTube.

It said yesterday it will start selling "user-generated" games later this year on its online Xbox Live service and share up to 70 per cent of revenue.

Microsoft began offering game production tools in 2006 to amateurs under an initiative called XNA that allowed them to create a game that could run on the Xbox, computer or its Zune player. REUTERS

Senator steadfast on troop pullout

IRAQ U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama said yesterday he was committed to a 16-month timetable for a U.S. military withdrawal from Iraq, after a trip in which he met Iraqi leaders and U.S. officials.

Barack Obama

The question of when to withdraw some 147,000 U.S. troops in Iraq overshadowed the first-term senator's trip. Obama has made his opposition to the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 a centrepiece of his election campaign.

"What I have proposed is a steady, deliberate draw down over the course of 16 months," he said in Amman. Obama has said the draw down would enable more troops to be deployed in Afghanistan. REUTERS

Obama vows support for Israel

U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama began a visit to Jerusalem today pledging staunch support for Israel and saying, if elected, he would work to reinvigorate the Mideast peace process.

Obama is struggling to overcome wariness among some Israelis and some Jewish voters in the U.S. about the strength of his commitment to Israel.

But he also dismayed Palestinian leaders when he said last month that Jerusalem should be Israel's "undivided" capital. REUTERS

Bulldozer attack

- Obama arrived in Israel yesterday just hours after a Palestinian rammed a bulldozer into vehicles on a busy Jerusalem street near the hotel where he will be staying. The attacker wounded at least 16 people, one seriously, before being shot dead.

News in brief

GUANTANAMO Osama bin Laden's driver knew the target of the fourth hijacked jetliner in the Sept. 11 attacks, a prosecutor said yesterday in an attempt to draw a link between Salim Hamdan and the al Qaeda leadership in the first Guantanamo war crimes trial.

AFGHANISTAN A senior Taliban commander in Afghanistan surrendered to Pakistani authorities and British forces killed another leader, dealing a "shattering blow" to the group's leadership, the British army said yesterday. REUTERS

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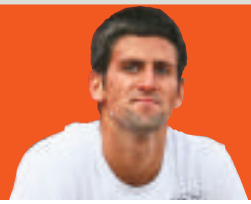

Djokovic edges Dancevic

Frank Dancevic of Niagara Falls, Ont., lost 6-4, 6-4 to world No. 3 Novak Djokovic of Serbia, left, in the second round of the Rogers Cup tennis tournament last night in Toronto. Dancevic upset No. 24 Mario Ancic in the first round on Monday night.

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Favre to Argos? Not likely!

YorkReport

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Brett Favre, the message on my voice mail insisted, is mulling over an offer from the Toronto Argonauts that would make him not only the quarterback of the CFL team but also its part-owner.

"Is your source good?" Argos general manager Adam Rita asked. "Who is it?"

"Don't know," I replied. "He didn't identify himself. He said he'd lose his job if he were exposed. He said you and (Argos co-owner) David Cynamon have been talking to Favre's agent for more than a week."

"Great story, eh?" Rita responded. "Hell of a story … But not true."

The Argos have had no contact with Favre or his agent, Rita said. And Favre's agent, Bus Cook, concurred when I spoke with him via telephone yesterday.

So someone's a liar — probably the dude who left the anonymous message — but genuine blockbuster stories have been leaked to me this way in the past and it would've been irresponsible for me not to at least check. And if Favre happens to join the Argos, I'll still brag that I let you know about it first.

In the meantime, while Favre presumably continues to try and resume his illustrious career with the Green Bay Packers or some other NFL club and while I continue to do my due diligence on behalf of Metro readers throughout Canada, the Argos will just have to continue with Kerry Joseph as their QB.

Until last Sunday, that was problematic. Despite being chosen the CFL's outstanding player as the Saskatchewan Roughriders' QB last season, and despite being traded to the Argos in a hyped deal that hiked his salary and heightened Toronto's expectations, Joseph struggled and the Argos won only one of three games.

Last Sunday, however, Joseph sparkled in a dramatic victory over the Edmonton Eskimos and turned in a gem unlike any by an Argo QB since Doug Flutie last decade. Because of Joseph's last-minute heroics, the Argos are tied atop the CFL East at 2-2.

This Sunday, Joseph will visit the franchise that deemed him unworthy of the raise he sought.

"I'm sure Kerry's psyched up," Rita acknowledged, "but more about winning than playing his former team."

The Riders are 4-0, but Rita said: "There isn't much difference in this league between a 4-0 team and an 0-4 team. Saskatchewan has been able to win at the ends of games, but we've proven we can, too. And we think we have the right quarterback."

And his name isn't Brett Favre. Not yet, anyway.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

B.C. Sports in brief

OLYMPICS Could a B.C. native be carrying the flag for Canada in Beijing? The Canadian Olympic Committee will name the flagbearer for the Summer Games today, and there are a couple of B.C. natives with a chance. Victoria's Simon Whitfield (triathlon) has a gold medal on his resume heading into his third Olympics, while Mission's Brent Hayden (swimming) is a reigning world champion.

MLB Victoria's Rich Harden can't buy a win in a Chicago Cubs uniform. Despite a second strong outing that saw him strike out 10 and allow only one earned run, Harden didn't receive any run support in a 2-0 loss to Arizona Monday night. Harden has allowed just one run and struck out 20 batters in two starts since being acquired from the Oakland Athletics.

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Athletics
Olympic triple jump champ Christian Olsson of Sweden will miss the Beijing Games after reinjuring his thigh at a meet yesterday. REUTERS

Beijing Games

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Full team ahead

First time Canada will send six to compete in triathlon

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Canada

The triathlon debuted at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney and, for the first time, Canada will be sending a full team of six — three men, three women — to compete on the world stage in the endurance sport of running, cycling and swimming.

Colin Jenkins found out he made the men's team after the world championships in Vancouver, where he placed 55th. This will be his Olympic debut.

"They called us up into the hotel room one by one and told us whether we made it or not, and luckily they said that I did make it," he said. "It's pretty amazing to have something that you've worked hard for for so long and to finally achieve it."

For Montreal's Kathy Tremblay, competing in the Olympics was never a matter of if, but when.

"I never had any plan B," she said. "I've only had plan A, which was going to the Olympics. I always knew I was going to Beijing."

Tremblay is the top-ranked Canadian in the World Cup rankings at No. 14.

The other triathletes Canada will be sending are Simon Whitfield of Victoria, Paul Tichelaar of Edmonton, Lauren Groves of Vancouver, and Carolyn Murray of St. Albert, Alta.

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Canadian gold medallist Simon Whitfield prepares to test the waters of English Bay in May to promote the 2008 Vancouver Triathlon World Championships.

In early June, it was announced the men would implement a team strategy where Jenkins and Tichelaar would work to get Whitfield — the 2000 Summer Games gold medallist — back on the podium.

The team is currently training six or seven days a week. It will head to Beijing on Aug. 12, leaving six days for its members to adjust to the climate and time zone change before the triathlon event begins on Aug. 18.

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Colin Jenkins runs during the final laps of the 2008 BG Triathlon World Cup in Vancouver's Stanley Park.

Sprinter Ottey fails to qualify

ATHLETICS Jamaican-born sprinter Merlene Ottey has failed in her final attempt to achieve the 100 metres qualifying time that would have enabled her to become the first track and field athlete to compete in eight Olympic Games. Ottey, 48, finished second at a meeting in the Slovenian city of Maribor yesterday, said Robert Rudelic of the Athletic Club Poljane.

She missed the qualifying time by 28 hundredths of a second. REUTERS

Tomorrow's lineup

TEAM CANADA For more on today's announcement on who will be carrying our flag and representing our country at the Games, read tomorrow's Metro.

15 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

Rural residencies in Saskatchewan to expand

In a effort to boost the number of family physicians practising in rural Saskatchewan, the University of Saskatchewan's dean of medicine is proposing doubling placements in rural residencies. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

$4.4M for mental health

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research has announced $4.4 million in funding to support three research teams investigating how to ameliorate mental health research application, with particular focus on youth and women. The teams consist of researchers from York, Brock, McMaster and uManitoba. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A pair's passion for fashion

Image consulting proves enjoyable career choice for stylistic duo

KRISTA MARTIN
for Metro Canada

If there is a dress for success then Lindsay Wilkins and Alicia Churchill know where to buy it.

Wilkins and Churchill work together as fashion and lifestyle image consultants for their Vancouver-based business Elite Image.

Theirs is a passion that involves changing the personal or professional outlook of their clients by changing their wardrobe.

Wilkins and Churchill schedule shopping days and conduct one-on-one coaching sessions, but their role is constantly changing with each client.

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Alicia Churchill, left, and Lindsay Wilkins are image consultants at Vancouver-based Elite Image.

Churchill, 32, went into retail to become a buyer, but her passion for fashion and people drew her into this career.

"It was a natural transition into sharing this skill with others," she said.

Wilkins, 27, moved to Vancouver six years ago to complete a visual merchandising diploma from Blanche Macdonald and a marketing diploma from Camsoun College.

"I have always dressed my friends and shopped for them. I thought it would be an exciting career to do this for a living," she said.

Managing Elite Image, Churchill's expertise is for those looking to excel in the young conservative and business world, while Wilkins' is geared toward young and creative fashion.

While both say a career in fashion and image consulting is not an easy ticket, the rewards are found in helping clients establish a sense of self.

"I am fascinated by people's styles," explained Wilkins.

"It's an opportunity for us to express our identity as individuals," she said of fashion and why it is so important.

Stay out of it

- Wilkins and Churchill advise that individuals looking to make a career out of image consulting should be careful not to let their own styles interfere with that of the clients. "Each individual has their own style and you need to focus on what works best for each person," said Wilkins.

Bad mouthing rampant in higher-up roles

WORKPLACE Most people have friends at work, but foes could be more prevalent than one might think.

Half of advertising and marketing executives polled by The Creative Group said a colleague has tried to make them look bad on the job. Professionals who are sabotaged by a co-worker shouldn't let the situation slide, according to respondents: Seven out of 10 said it's best to confront the offender directly.

The Creative Group offers two tips for discussing sensitive issues with coworkers:

- Give yourself time to cool down. Don't respond in the heat of the moment. Instead, wait until you are calm to start a discussion.
- Look at the situation from every angle. What were your colleague's intentions? Did you play a role in the problem? Before you confront someone, try to identify his or her motives, as well as any steps you could have taken to avoid the situation.

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VCC ready to show its designs to the world

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VCC graduate fashion students are preparing to show their passion for fashion as next week's Fiat Mode fashion show draws near.

The annual event, which will showcase nine graduates and nine alumni from Vancouver Community College's two-year Fashion Arts Certificate Program, is a chance to display the student's work to industry superstars. More than 700 people — including professional designers from Lululemon Athletic and Aritzia — are expected to attend.

Jody Ho, the fashion arts program co-ordinator, said the show is always surprising — even after 20 years.

"The show aims to feature our graduates to the fashion industry," she said. "This year, we have a lot of designs that push the envelope and designs that you have not seen before. We take fashion, media and creativity very seriously, and I can assure you that no two designs have ever been the same."

> **"This year, we have a lot of designs that push the envelope and designs that you have not seen before."**
> Program co-ordinator Jody Ho

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Design by Andrew Henderson.

Reinstatement after job loss a rarity for Canadian employees

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The termination of an employee can have many people, employee included, crying foul. Despite this, former employers rarely reinstate a terminated employee. The best most employees can expect, if they commenced legal proceedings, would be wrongful dismissal damages for losing their job.

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- Where employees pursue claims under provincial or federal human rights legislation, reinstatements can order .
- Unionized employees receive the right to reinstatement negotiated directly into their collective agreements, where arbitrators frequently award dismissed employees their jobs back.
- Non-managerial employees working for a federally regulated employer, such as a bank or airline, can pursue an unjust dismissal complaint under the Canada Labour Code.
- Employers who run afoul of the pregnancy and parental leave protections offered to employees under employment standards legislation often require employess to be reinstated.

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Sweet summer Solstice

Pontiac convertible a bargain that looks like a million bucks

B. MCLAUCHLAN
for Metro Canada

It's not often that an auto show concept car makes the trip from design fantasy to production reality. Just as rare is when the car arrives in dealer showrooms with the concept's original shape virtually intact.

That was the case when the Pontiac Solstice appeared in 2006 and it looks no less gorgeous today.

Even in base-model form, the Solstice remains a bargain for a car that looks like a million bucks. So, if all you want to do is bask in other people's admiration, get one with an automatic transmission, put the convertible top down and go cruising. The entry fee for that kind of ride is $27,670.

But if you want a real sports car driving experience, the step-up Solstice GXP at $35,800 is worth every dollar.

We're talking the difference between 173 horsepower from the base Solstice's 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine and 260 hp from the GXP's engine room. We're also talking the difference between an engine that feels laboured and one that's smooth and eager. The source of this transformation is a direct-injection 2.0-litre turbocharged derivative of the same "four" found in the base Solstice.

A five-speed manual transmission is standard in both models with a five-speed automatic optional.

The Pontiac Solstice is one of those rare cars that has made the trip from concept vehicle to production reality.

The 2008 Solstice kicks up the excitement factor both inside and outside with some new standard features.

The 2008 Solstice kicks up the excitement factor with some new standard features that were once options.

New regular equipment for the base-model and GXP includes a premium acoustic headliner, OnStar and GM's Driver Information Centre — which offers important information such as current fuel economy, fuel range, oil life and warning indicators. Also standard for 2008 is a tire pressure warning system, as well as sportier bucket seats with convenient seat cushion and seatback storage, a leather-wrapped shift knob, AM/FM and CD stereo with auxiliary input jack and six speakers, rear-window defogger and rake-adjustable steering wheel.

On the open road, the Solstice is a surprisingly decent high-speed cruiser for a small roadster. If you do use it for a long trip, though, plan to travel light. Luggage space varies from minimal (with the roof up) to marginal when the folding cloth top is stowed beneath that sexy rear deck.

You won't find many places to put things in the passenger area either — not even small things like a cellphone, iPod, purse or other personal items. For people, however, the cockpit is cosy yet roomy.

And if you like the Solstice's looks but don't care for its convertible aspect, Pontiac plans to expand the 2009 model-year lineup with a new, sleek coupe GXP model.

The coupe is equipped with a removable roof that enables an open-air driving experience yet offers a greater range of all-season driving opportunities.

2008 Pontiac Solstice

Type: Compact 2-pass. convertible RWD
Price: $27,670 – $35,800
Engine: 2.4L L4 DOHC/2.0L L4 DOHC turbo
HP: 173 @5,800 rpm/260 @5,300 rpm
Torque: 167 @ 4,500 rpm/260 @ 2,500 rpm

Highlights

- Drop-dead gorgeous
- Surprisingly affordable
- GXP powertrain
- Comfortable ride

Bumper plan road to imports?

AMENDMENT Canadian motorists pay attention: Our government may finally be opening the door to a whole new world of import automobiles.

The federal government has proposed an amendment to the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations (MVSR) to harmonize Canadian bumper standards for passenger cars with standards from the U.S. and Europe.

Could this mean Citroëns, Vauxhalls and Peugeots prowling our streets?

Proposed changes to Canadian bumper standards could open doors to imports such as this Fiat 500.

It's too early to tell, but the amendment would mean one global bumper design for North American and European market vehicles.

"This proposed amendment would offer more choice to Canadians who wish to import vehicles," said Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities. "At the same time, it would help to maintain the safety of Canadian roads."

The proposed change is part of the Canada-U.S. Security and Prosperity Partnership to reduce regulatory differences and facilitate international trade while maintaining high levels of safety.

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The new Clubman "wagon" is Mini's response to those who viewed it as a fun-to-drive little car but felt it came up a bit short on interior space.

Maximum Mini Cooper

Clubman's expansive interior space doesn't cramp car's funky style

B. MCLAUCHLAN
for Metro Canada

There's no question the Mini has a lot of appeal going for it. Lots of people find it hard to resist the Mini's combination of compact size, funky styling and frugal fuel consumption.

But if the only thing keeping you out of a Mini until now was its lightness on practicality, then deny yourself no more.

The new Clubman "wagon" is Mini's response to those who viewed it as a fun-to-drive little car but felt it came up a bit short on interior space. Compared with the original Mini hatchback, the Clubman sits on a three-inch longer wheelbase and adds almost 10 inches of overall body length. These stretches not only make the two-passenger rear seat more habitable but also put 63 per cent more cargo room behind the back seats. And a rear-hinged "suicide" type rear half-door on the passenger side and a pair of swing-out rear doors make it very easy to get into the rear compartment or stash some stuff in the back.

Like the regular Mini hatchback, the Clubman comes in Cooper and Cooper S flavours. Like its hatchback counterpart, the entry-level Cooper, which starts at $26,400, gets its power from a 118-horsepower, 1.6-litre four-cylinder engine. The more potent Cooper S, with a $31,500 starting price, draws its extra punch from a 172-hp turbocharged version of the same 1.6-litre four. Standard manual and optional automatic transmissions are both six-speed units.

2008 Mini Clubman Cooper

Type: Subcompact 4-pass. wagon FWD
Price: $26,400
Engine: 1.6L L4 DOHC
HP: 118 @ 6,000 rpm
Torque: 114 @ 4,250 rpm

Highlights

- BMW-bred engineering and safety
- Extra rear-seat legroom
- Cargo space

In the case of the Clubman, more weight (roughly 80 kg) and that longer wheelbase may slightly dampen the Mini's legendary agility, but there's still plenty to spare for making it a blast to drive.

Along with all the Mini's major mechanical bits, the Clubman inherits the interior that endeared the hatchback to so many of its owners. The dash and centre console area is peppered with clear, round dial shapes, dominated by a big central speedometer complete with an array of secondary control switches.

With seats just as comfortable and supportive as those in the regular Mini, the interior is decently habitable, but the real bonus can be found in the Clubman's 930-litre cargo capacity — enough space to swallow a mountain bike, camping gear or what have you.

Smart Fortwo celebrates 10 years

ANNIVERSARY Ten years ago, in early July 1998, a vehicle with an entirely new concept first rolled off the assembly line in Hambach, France: The Smart Fortwo. Since then, the compact two-seater has become the vehicle of choice of more than 900,000 buyers in 37 countries.

The Smart Fortwo soon gained cult status and is the only automobile still in production to be displayed at New York's Museum of Modern Art.

The tiny car's introduction to Canada came in October 2004. Since then, 12,413 Smarts have found happy homes here.

Now it is being sold in the U.S. and starting from mid-2009, it will also be available in China. For 2010, the first Smart electric drive of the current vehicle generation is planned.

Since its market launch, the Smart Fortwo has enjoyed impressive sales development.

In 1989, Nicolas G. Hayek, the inventor of the Swatch, attracted the interest of Mercedes-Benz to create a small car for city driving.

The two partners established the Micro Compact Car AG, headquartered in Biel, Switzerland. The Smart Fortwo celebrated its world premiere at the 1997 Frankfurt auto show. In a move that expressed the company's commitment to Europe, the French town of Hambach was chosen as the production site.

Volkswagen sets date with 2028

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VW concept Ego

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Prison break

Penitentiary a different tourist destination

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A popular tourist zone in the Philippines, Palawan is home to world-class diving, a UNESCO-protected underground cave — and the Iwahig Prison & Penal Farm.

JULIA DIMON/FOR METRO CANADA

The Iwahig Prison & Penal Farm in the Phillipines.

It's an open-air penitentiary that is both working institution and tourist attraction. With some 3,000 prisoners living in this "prison without walls," tourists are welcome to browse and buy handicrafts made by inmates.

This unusual place opened in 1904 and was intended to isolate "the worst and incorrigible" offenders on this small island. Today, Iwahig prison is divided into foursub-colonies with 133 inmates in maximum security, 2,220 in medium and 769 in minimum security. Inmates work in "agro-industries," toiling away under the afternoon sun in what looks like a farming community. Some convicts are even allowed to live there with their families!

There are no visible walls, barbed wire fences or guards with guns, only hectares of rice paddies with men hard at work. It would be difficult for any prisoner to arrange for transportation off the island and head counts are conducted regularly. Thus, escape attempts are rare.

I find myself at the entrance of the prison, trying to talk to Ramirez, the security guard, into letting our team film inside the prison. Our tourist group had come to Palawan specifically to film this place. The guard says I can enter as a tourist and check out the souvenir shop, but no cameras are allowed. Stonewalled, I concede, and hop in our vehicle for a quick drive through the premises.

Groups of unconfined inmates are weeding by hand in fields. The colour of their t-shirts indicate the status of their sentences: brown for minimum security, blue for medium, and orange (which tourists don't see because they are kept in a conventional prison with armed guards) for maximum security inmates.

On the way to the souvenir shop, we drive through a quaint suburb that houses the prison staff, with a primary school, a little market and a groomed tennis court.

I hop out of the car to check out the goods. Though authorities claim the handicrafts are made by prisoners, I'm convinced they were made in China. Cheap necklaces, turtle-shaped ashtrays, woven baskets and … wooden nunchuks?

Selling weapons at a prison is probably not the greatest of ideas.

Outside the shop, business transactions with inmates is an official no-no. Had I known this, I wouldn't have purchased a most unusual souvenir.

I'm seated in the back of the car. A medium security inmate approaches the driver's side with something under his shirt. Turns out, inmates clandestinely sel their prison uniforms to tourists. I watch as the driver and inmate negotiate an illegal transaction.

It has the secrecy of a drug deal, except the only thing I score is cotton. This blue t-shirt, inscribed with the Iwahig logo, costs me the equivalent of $5. The trade happens so fast, I'm left with a strange token of my trip and uneasy feelings about the underground economy I'd just supported.

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Little Britain star harassed
A woman has admitted in court to harassing Little Britain star David Walliams over a four-year period. Sarah Bartholomew, 29, from Essex, England, will remain in custody while psychiatric experts decide what form of hospital treatment she needs. **BBC NEWS ONLINE**

Entertainment

Last laughs
Comedian Jay Leno will host his last Tonight Show May 29, NBC has said. Replacement Conan O'Brien will start the following Monday, June 1.
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Slackers refuse to grow up

Step Brothers exposes enabling parents, middle-aged moochers

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It's not easy being parents. But imagine if you were the parents of two slackers who never grew up. Now imagine if those spoiled delinquents were fortysomethings Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly.

This is exactly the dramatic predicament both Richard Jenkins and Mary Steenburgen face as enabling on-screen parents to the middle-aged moochers in the new comedy Step Brothers. Sure, a pair of quarrelling fortysomething stay-at-home adults sounds like a ludicrous premise for a movie but it might not be that far-fetched a scenario after all.

"We looked into it and it turned out it was a real dynamic going on," says director Adam McKay. "The increase in adults living at home has gone up drastically in the last ten years and we were like, 'Oh my God, this is actually real'."

It sure is. In fact, according to a recent Statistics Canada study, over 43 per cent of Canadian young adults under the age of 29 were still living with their parents, up significantly from only two decades previous. Step Brothers isn't just joking around — it's exposing a burgeoning sociological problem.

John C. Reilly and Will Ferrell star as a pair of fortysomething stay-at-home adults in Step Brothers.

Unlike the film, most "boomerang" adults who move back in with parents are primarily university students battling a mountain of debt. But those aren't the only financial difficulties keeping adults at home. Even if people manage to start working, entry-level positions don't even guarantee a salary anymore. As the Boston Globe's career columnist Penelope Trunk recently wrote, "the rise of the prestigious but unpaid internship intersects perfectly with the rise of the boomeranger."

Sure, living with parents isn't a matter of choice for many but as the title of one of Trunk's articles shows ("Believe it or not, moving back home is now in"), this trend could affect attitudes toward the acceptable age for leaving home. Is it 25? How about 40?

Either way, while McKay insists the movie is just a zany comedy, its subtle message about parents enabling their children is definitely not lost on Step Brothers' on-screen parents.

"There's a little part of me that finds this a dream situation believe it or not," admits Steenburgen. "Thankfully I have, by some miracle, well-adjusted children that actually wanted to leave me."

"The increase in adults living at home has gone up drastically in the last ten years."
director Adam McKay

Jenkins agrees. "I could've kept (my kids) around a few more years. It'd been OK with me."

"With the price of gas," interjects Steenburgen. "Nobody's going to be leaving (home) soon anyway."

accused

Batman star denies assault

Christian Bale

PEOPLE Actor Christian Bale, star of The Dark Knight, yesterday denied allegations of assault made by his mother and sister after he was questioned by London police.

The 34-year-old spent time at a London police station before being released without charge, spokeswoman Jennifer Allen said.

"Christian Bale attended a London police station today, on a voluntary basis, in order to assist with an allegation that had been made against him to the police by his mother and sister," Allen said. "Mr. Bale ... cooperated throughout, gave his account in full of the events in question." **REUTERS**

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She & Him released its new album yesterday.

When boy meets girl

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Metro Canada

A demure Hollywood starlet and a disheveled troubadour: An unlikely duo, but then She & Him does like to transcend convention.

"She" is actress and pin-up girl Zooey Deschanel, notorious for her roles in the Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy and M. Night Shamalayan's The Happening. "Him" is indie-folk songwriter M. Ward, better known for his 2006 album Post-War, 2005's Transistor Radio and his cameos on recordings by Norah Jones and Cat Power.

Together, they have embarked on their first tour for debut Vol. 1, a twangy, dreamy, analog work with 1960s girl pop undertones and a selection of cover songs. Ward says his songwriting and production experience and Deschanel's smooth, glossy vocals compliment each other. "She's fearless and enthusiastic," he said, "and she probably has more of a connection to music than she does to acting."

The pair met on the set of the 2007 indie film The Go-Getter and Ward soon discovered that Deschanel had a litany of original tracks on her home computer, tunes she reluctantly submitted to him. Ward liked what he heard, and the duet came together to record.

"It was easy to do because her melodies were so good," he said, adding they're currently at work on Vol. 2.

Ward, however, does admit the duet faces the "actor band" stigma: "It can be a huge distraction when you're trying to get from point A to B, but we're both pretty good at blocking all of that out." he says.

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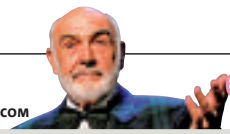
007 denies snub
Sean Connery has denied leaving son Jason out of his will — and has branded his ex-wife's claims "insane." The former Bond star has been accused by Diane Cilento — whom he was married to for 11 years — of refusing to leave his son anything. IMDB.COM



Hottie oozes Sex appeal

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Estrogen was thick in the air when **Jason Lewis** — best known as Smith Jerrod, Samantha Jones's most notable lover on **Sex and the City** — hosted Sex and Another City, a fundraiser for breast cancer at Ceili's Irish Pub on Smithe Street last Thursday.

While he showed up half an hour late, blew past the red carpet and left a handful of media outside looking at each other, the absolute hunk was affable with the legion of ladies inside, making small talk and posing for pictures. In 2004, Ceili's parent company, Penny Lane Entertainment Group, threw a sold-out SATC series finale party in Calgary with **Chris Noth**, who plays Mr. Big.

Less than two weeks after Samantha Ronson's set at Ginger 62, another high-profile celebrity DJ is set to rock Vancouver. **Adam "DJ AM" Goldstein** — the crate-digger, sneaker head and owner of LAX nightclub who is perhaps most infuriatingly well-known for being the ex-fiancé of **Nicole Richie** — will be at Republic (958 Granville St.) tonight with local artists **Zak Santiago** and **Matty C.** Vancouver is the only Canadian date AM will hit on his current two-month tour, which is dominated mostly by American dates and six in Europe.

GETTY IMAGES

Jason Lewis attends the Sex And Another City fundraiser last week.

The most expensive movie to ever be shot in Canada, **Farewell Atlantis**, begins filming in Vancouver today. It was reported that the disaster flick, based on the ancient Mayan myth that the world will face a Doomsday-type catastrophe in 2012, has a budget of $200 million — the same figure as **Titanic**, **Spider-Man 2** and **Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines**. The creation of director, screenwriter and producer extraordinaire **Roland Emmerich** (**Independence Day**, **The Day After Tomorrow**), the project will bring the likes of **John Cusack**, **Amanda Peet**, **Woodie Harrelson**, **Thandie Newton** and **Danny Glover** to the city.

Going Out

6 p.m. The Tempest. At Bard on the Beach, 310-601 Cambie St. Tix: $33. Info: *bardonthebeach.org*.

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news	502	390	26 NW	The Nature of Things (CC)		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		The Nature of Things (CC)		National
	500	500	33 CNN	CNN Presents: Black		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		CNN Presents: Black in America				Cooper 360
sports	407	419	42 RSP	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Best Damn Sports Show		The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	60 TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Off the Record	Boxing Wednesday Night Fights. (Same-day Tape) (CC)				SportsCentre
	411	457	49 OLN	Cycling		Word Travels	Globe Guides	Cycling Tour de France Stage 17. From Embrun to L'Alpe-d'Huez, France.				
	410	403	24 SCR	Score Update		Schwab	World Series of Poker		Score Update	Score Update		Score Update
	417	406	25 SC	Wrecked	Wrecked	Pinks	Pass Time	Am. Thunder	Am. Thunder	Pinks	Pinks Out	Wrecked
	416	409	144 GLF	Fútbol Nutrilite Canadian Championships: Toronto FC vs. Montreal Impact.					Footballers	Pagado	Kings Club	Gol TV News
family	552	543	29 YTV	Malcolm-Mid.	Prank Patrol	Fries That?	Futurama	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.	Falcon Beach "Trust This"		Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50 TEL	George	Merrie Melody	Loonatics	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	Ghost World ★★★ (2001) Thora Birch. (CC)		
	557	541	51 FAM	That's-Raven	Smart Guy	Zack & Cody	Natural-Sadie	Han. Montana	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
	553	546	53 TRE	Comfy Couch	Rolie Polie	Beren. Bears	Babar (CC)	Backyard	Dora-Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!	The Bittles	Comfy Couch
cable variety	268	354	5 KNO	Meerkat	Undersea	Ancient Clues Vikings. (CC)		Voyages of Discovery		For King and Country (CC)		Yo-Yo Ma
	575	583	20 CMT	Home Imp.	Roseanne	Tara Diaries	Living, Dream	Reba (CC)	Hope & Faith	Home Imp.	Roseanne	Ed (CC)
	570	580	21 MM	America's Best Dance Crew		Born to Be	Totally Untrue	Punk'd (CC)	America's Best Dance Crew		Born to Be	Spotlight
	600	564	45 H&G	Flipping Out		Holmes	Holmes	Property Shop	City	Property	Unsellable	Flipping Out
	615	520	51 A&E	Criss Angel Mindfreak (CC)		Criss Angel	Criss Angel	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter (CC)		Criss Angel
	628	584	52 SPKE	(6:00) UFC: The Final Chapter		MANswers	Factory	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Star Trek: Voyager (CC)		Deep Space 9
	521	560	24 TLC	Must Love Kids		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Must Love Kids		Jon & Kate
	616	522	65 SHO	ReGenesis (CC)		Da Vinci's Inquest (CC)		Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goalie	Big Love "Roberta's Funeral"		House (CC)
	620	523	70 BVO	Entourage	Bravonews	Law & Order "Good Girl"		Without a Trace (CC)		Entourage	(:45) Same Time, Next Year	
	601	562	41 SLC	Inside Hollywood		X-Weighted "Jamila" (CC)		Work Out (CC)		Inside Hollywood		Trading Sp
	520	505	72 DIS	Mayday "Invisible Killer"		Daily Planet		MythBusters "Air Plane Hour"		Dirty Jobs New York tannery.		Mayday (CC)
	522	506	44 HIS	NCIS "Kill Ari" (CC)		Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors	Mob Stories (CC)		NCIS "Kill Ari" (CC)		Crime Stories
	627	528	45 SPC	Supernatural (CC)		Stargate SG-1 "Birthright"		Star Trek: Voyager "Q2"		Star Trek: Enterprise (CC)		Star Trek Gen.
	294	650	57 TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood ★★		
	619	525	48 TROP	TV Made	TV Made	ET Canada	Whatever	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)	Family Guy
	603	561	62 FN	The Next Food Network Star		Challenge Bartender battle.		Iron Chef America (CC)		The Next Food Network Star		Challenge
	626	547	67 COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Laughs	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Lewis Black	Tom Green	Daily Show
	320	621	30 CEN	(6:25) The Accidental Witness		Missionary Man (2007) Dolph Lundgren. (CC)		(:45) Resident Evil: Extinction ★★ (2007) Milla Jovovich. (CC)				
	581	566	101 MTV	The Real World Highlights. (CC)			MTV Live	Living	Living	The Real World Highlights. (CC)		
	261	394	102 V	Year in Tibet (N)		The Blue Buddha (Part 2 of 2)		China's Leap of Faith		Year in Tibet		Paid Program
	-	-	198 MUL	The Land	Daughters	Van. Nights	Iranian Pop	Sabor Latino		Hola Que Tal		Patrol World

critics'corner

Law & Order
Rubirosa (Alana De La Garza) is playing for the other team — and we don't mean in the Seinfeldian sexual-orientation sense. The legal aid lawyers are on strike, so she's pressed into service as court-appointed counsel for a man (Brad William Henke) accused of murdering one of the strikers. It'll get interesting when she and Cutter (Linus Roache) face each other in court in "Strike." 10:01 PM on NBC VI

Criss Angel Mindfreak
A couple of years ago, he walked on water without benefit of divine intervention. But that was small potatoes; he traversed a mere pool. In the fourth-season premiere of his series, illusionist Angel ups the ante by attempting to traverse Lake Mead, the largest man-made lake in the United States. Expect more wild stunts as the season continues, including a live episode in which Angel tries to escape from a building that's about to implode. 7 PM on A&E

Celebrity death
Estelle Getty, star of the TV show The Golden Girls, died at her Los Angeles home yesterday morning, surrounded by family and caregivers. She was 84. TMZ.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Actor Getty confirms split from wife

SEPARATION Actor Balthazar Getty has confirmed reports he has split from his wife Rosetta, amid rumours he is having an affair with actress Sienna Miller, imdb.com reports.

The Brothers + Sisters star, 33, was photographed frolicking on a yacht off Italy's Amalfi coast with a topless Miller earlier this month, just days after he denied he was romantically involved with the Alfie star.

But Getty, who has four children with Rosetta, says the photographs have forced him to admit he and his wife are living apart.

In a statement he says, "The breakdown of a marriage is a very difficult and painful experience especially when children are involved.

"In light of the fact that many pictures have surfaced in print and on the Internet which has caused myself and my family great embarrassment, I felt it necessary to at least acknowledge publicly that, yes indeed my wife and I have separated and I will not be commenting any further."

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Madonna nears breakdown?

HEALTH Madonna has sparked fears her turbulent personal life is taking its toll on her health, female-first.co.uk reports. The singer — who is rehearsing for her forthcoming world tour — has reportedly fired two dancers, while her tour manager is allegedly threatening to quit due to her "spectacular mood" swings.

Madonna has been rocked by claims her marriage to Guy Ritchie is in trouble and by allegations she is having an affair with baseball star Alex Rodriguez. Her brother Christopher released a tell-all book about her last week, which is said to have devastated her.

"Madonna is doing less than OK. She has been rehearsing for the tour and she is totally miserable," a source close to the singer revealed to Britain's The Sun newspaper.

As Madonna struggles to cope with the stress, she has been diagnosed as anaemic and the usually super-fit star has suffered a knee injury.

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'K-Fed to blame for Spears' fall'

BOUNCE BACK Britney Spears' problems can be traced back to her introduction to ex-husband Kevin Federline, Dr. Drew Pinsky explains in the new E! True Hollywood Story of her life, premiering Friday. "If you take Britney's life and put a moment in time where things started getting bad, it's the moment she got involved with Kevin Federline," Pinsky opines. Spears, 26, seems to have bounced back from her low. She is now recording a new album.

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celebrity brief

Spelling to ink mommy stories

BOOK What's life like for a new mom in 90210? Tori Spelling is ready to dish, People.com reports.

The actress, 35, is reportedly planning a new book – tentatively titled Mommywood, which will focus on her life as a Hollywood princess-turned-parent, according to publishers Simon & Schuster.

Spelling's debut effort this year, sTORI Telling, spent seven weeks on The New York Times best-seller list – and included accounts of her ill-starred first wedding, her father Aaron's death and the roller-coaster relationship with her mother, Candy.

The new book, already listed on Amazon.com and scheduled to hit the shelves in April 2009, is expected to focus on the birth and growing pains of 1-year-old son Liam and newborn Stella.

She is "doing great," Spelling – who's currently starring in Tori and Dean: Home Sweet Hollywood and preparing to reprise her role in the new 90210 – recently told People. And Liam is adjusting to being a big brother.

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Campbell denies hotel damage

PEOPLE Supermodel Naomi Campbell refused to pay a $400 US bill at a Russian hotel after allegedly burning its silk sheets, imdb.com reports. Campbell stayed at the Ritz Carlton in Moscow with billionaire lover Vladislav Doronin last week.

But Campbell refused to pay a hotel fine after cleaning staff claimed they found holes burnt into the room's silk bedsheets.

A spokesman for Campbell denies she caused damage to hotel property, adding, "She didn't have candles on the sheets. She did not smoke in the hotel room. It is completely untrue."

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celebrity brief

Longoria is Desperate for kids

TV Desperate Housewives star Eva Longoria Parker has a new project — getting pregnant, The Daily Mail reports. "I can't wait!" the star told People. Fans will see a different side to her in the show. Her character is about to be a mother-of-two.

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Rock tired of bimbos

RELATIONSHIPS Kid Rock wishes he could lose his "bimbo attractor," female first.co.uk reports. Rock, who was previously married to Pamela Anderson, wants to avoid getting romantically involved with vacuous women. The singer started dating Anderson on and off in 2001, and the pair married in 2006. They divorced five months later.

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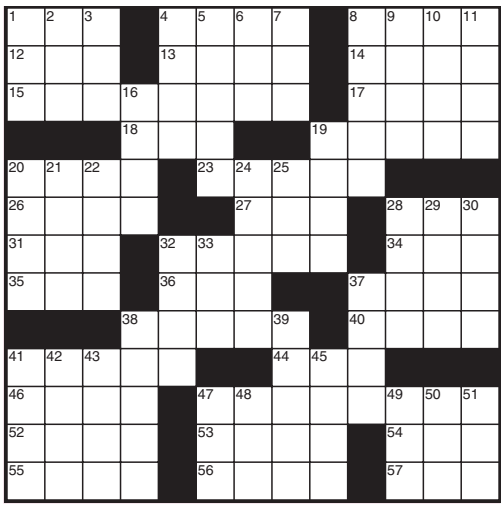
Marriage Billy Bob Thornton has vowed never to wed again, after five failed attempts at marriage. The 52-year-old actor has been dating Connie Angland — the mother of his three-year-old daughter Bella — for four years. "If we get married, then the press will start calling her 'No. 6,'" he said. IMDB.COM

Take Five



Crossword down

1 Stockholm carrier
2 Boring tool
3 Golly!
4 "Moneytalks" group
5 Operated a ferry
6 Heir, often
7 It may be hard-boiled
8 Move blindly
9 Long sighs
10 El — (ocean current)
11 Latch onto
16 Pickle choice
19 Harm
20 Cry of fright
21 Perfect place
22 Burden
24 Jockey's need
25 Sick
28 Rescue
29 Nile sun god
30 Portable digs
32 Overcast
33 Same old grind
37 Clumsy vessels
38 Faculty mems.
39 Marina sight
41 Schools of whales
42 Type of rug
43 Swing a sickle
45 The — the limit!
47 Half a bray
48 Poker card
49 Pertinent
50 Like some hours
51 Hot tub

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Crossword across

1 Hang loosely
4 Basilica part
8 Turf warriors
12 Stun
13 Block
14 Complain bitterly
15 Winter fun
17 Cry of dismay (2 wds.)
18 Frost
19 — salts
20 Shout
23 Take the car
26 Singer Billy —
27 New Haven student
28 Grabbed a chair
31 Princess perturber
32 Metal grate
34 Dined on
35 Call it quits
36 Do a marathon
37 Stratford's river
38 Easy mark
40 Monthly expense
41 Deflect a blow
44 Say please
46 Two-piece cookie
47 Metal-cutting tools
52 Like Beethoven
53 "— -Breaky Heart"
54 Sparkle
55 Tree fluids
56 Moistens
57 Hot drink

previous day's answer

L	O	S		R	A	M	P		D	A	L	E
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Z	E	N		W	O	R	K	F	O	R	C	E
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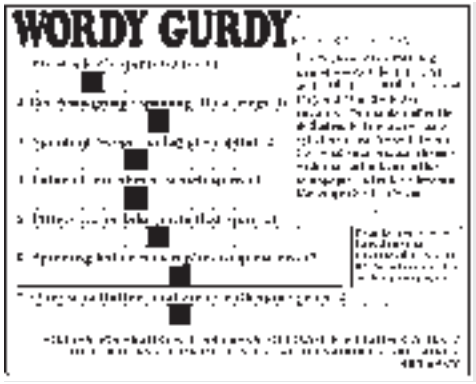
This day in history

JULY 23, 1961: Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) founded in Nicaragua.

JULY 23, 1984: Vanessa Williams becomes the first Miss America to resign when she surrenders her crown after nude photos of her appeared in Penthouse magazine.

JULY 23, 1986: In London, Prince Andrew, Duke of York marries Sarah Ferguson at Westminster Abbey.

JULY 23, 1995: Comet Hale-Bopp is discovered and is visibly seen with a naked eye nearly a year later.



Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

7	6	1	4	8	5	3	2	9
2	4	5	7	9	3	1	6	8
9	8	3	2	6	1	4	7	5
4	3	6	8	1	2	9	5	7
5	9	8	6	4	7	2	1	3
1	2	7	3	5	9	6	8	4
6	1	9	5	7	4	8	3	2
3	7	4	1	2	8	5	9	6
8	5	2	9	3	6	7	4	1

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:
Under 13 . . . . . Genius
13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21 . . . . . Smart
21-25 . . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practicing

Horoscopes

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A joker will keep you distracted. Anxiety has an impact on heroic actions. A friend has the simplest solution.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Be prepared for your point of view to change. Abandon a losing battle. Mockery won't help when someone is on a rampage.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Wheeling and dealing won't help you to win friends. Bad taste comes out in the open. Work undercover to figure out tricky problems.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Don't wear tacky clothes to take a stroll. Take your time to make a choice. A wrongdoer conceals his true feelings.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Someone's scattered thoughts force a decision. A fussy person will make matters worse. Complainer's failure leads to gossip.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A telephone call causes a loss of objectivity. An ignored person is prepared for an interruption. Insomnia is a problem for a zesty friend.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
It's time to recover lost support. You must wait for a woman to change her mind. Be candid when you're with a grumbler.

SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
A crazy person asks for trouble. An alert friend's words will ring true. An eager woman sets out on a splendid journey.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
Become a more reassuring person. A spiteful act is forgiven. Cooperate with a sneaky guy to get ahead.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Stand firm to lecture a cantankerous person. Don't risk going into frightening places. A late meeting leads to a truce.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You can inspire agreement if you ask for wisdom. Curiosity is caused by meddling. A trivial incident causes revelations.

PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
Ask friends to do some skillful scheduling. Get far away from a tainted situation. Convincing a man makes you define your feelings.

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Vancouver weather

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Afternoon	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Partly cloudy. 20°	Clear. Low 13°	Sunny. 21°/ 15°	Sunny. 21°/ 14°	Mainly sunny. 21°/ 13°

Temperature
Normals
High: 22.8°
Low: 13.4°

Records
High: 29°/1991
Low: 7.8°/1963

Sunrise: 5:33 a.m.
Sunset: 9:03 p.m.
Moonset: 11:47 a.m.
Moonrise: 11:01 p.m.

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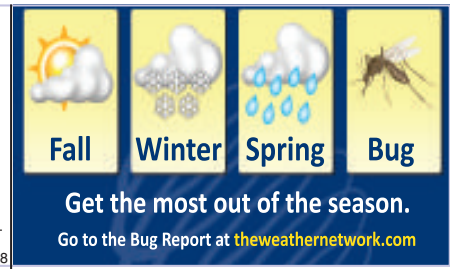

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